

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Advent 2
December 5, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mild - traditional

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Light and Advent 2 Candle

One: There once was a wonderful man who did wonderful things, and they said, "He is the light of the world" In anticipation of the one who is coming:

All: With this good news we light the candle of Peace on this Second Sunday of Advent. This candle represents the flow of peace from one to another, until the globe is encircled with the warmth of Jesus' Peace.

Introit: VU 7, vs. 2

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.**

Call to Worship:

Come and join us as we tell the story of a deep mystery.
The story begins today.
A story of the Holy Family.
The story that began so long ago.
A story of an unfolding mystery.
The story that reaches through the ages.
A story that belongs to all of us.
Come, let us begin the story that leads us into wonder....

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Loving God of a peaceful people, we gather here today to remember the story of your gift to us. A gift, born into the tiny body of your son, a gift that grew until it encompassed the entire world. A gift of beauty, of kindness and of deep abiding love. A gift given freely to all. As winter settles in around us, we begin to retell the story of that gift in word, play, song and prayer. Be with us here as we remember the wonder. Amen.

Rev Deborah Ambridge Fisher Nov 2021

Opening Hymn: What Child is This VU 74

Minutes for Mission: Build Bridges for Peace

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert

Hymn of Praise: Jesus Came Bringing Us Peace VU 33

Young at heart leave for Church School after first verse.

Prayer of Confession:

The scriptures tell us that Joseph and Mary went from Galilee to Bethlehem and were turned away by many innkeepers.
We too have passed people who have no place to stay and have gone on with little or no thought about them.
The scriptures tell of a man who was beaten and left on the road.
We too have passed by some who have hidden wounds and thought of nothing but our own lives.
We are human and we do not always know if or how we can help. Yet each of us knows we can do better.
Forgive us, Caring God, for our shortcomings and help us take better care of our neighbours.

In silence now, we bring our individual prayers to you...

Words of Assurance:

God had said that those in need who cry out will be helped. Be assured that our Caring God will give each of us the help we need. Amen

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Psalm 72: 10-19 VU 790 Parts 2&3
Zechariah 9:9
Luke 2: 1-7

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Dr. Sara Davidson, introduced by Karen Flinn

Special Music: The Peace Carol - Bob Beers, arr. L. Cassidy

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: What Can I Do? MV 191

Prayers of Our Community:

All: We ask that you answer these prayers in your own caring way. Amen.

Sung Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

Commissioned to Share the Light

Closing Hymn: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime VU 71

Benediction & Choral Ending: MV 215

**Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you, my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace. Peace**

Postlude: (please remain seated)
Still, Still, Still VU 47

Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.

Declaration of a Safe Space

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for people to gather, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual orientation and gender identity.

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